

## OUR RICHMOND NEWS AND GOSSIP.

### General Rosser Cuts Loose From the Confederate Veterans.

### THREE MEN BURIED ALIVE.

Two Rescued, But One Was Found Dead Beneath an Embankment That Caved In—Richmond College Students Suspended and Reinstated—Rev. Underwood, of Farmville, Concludes to Wed—Conference of C. & O. Officials—A Home Wedding—Maynard Will Win.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Oct. 31.—As the result of a little episode which occurred in the Grand Camp, Confederate Veterans, during its meeting at Staunton October 11th, Gen. Thomas L. Rosser, of Charlottesville, has cut loose from his Confederate brethren.

He has tendered his resignation as commander of John Bowie Strange Camp at Charlottesville, and seems determined to have no more to do with his old-time comrades in arms. It is said that in view of Gen. Rosser's affiliation with the Republican party, his comrades view his departure without any symptoms of regret.

The trouble arose in the Grand Camp over a report presented by Inspector-General Morton in which he stated that some of the subordinate camps in the State were not in touch with the Grand Camp, and suggested that the Grand body discuss the advisability of reorganizing them so as to increase interest in the work and strengthen the Grand Camp.

All recognized this as an admirable suggestion except Gen. Rosser, who, after the report had been sent to a committee, made a fiery speech, saying it was a reflection upon Confederate soldiers who were in poverty. He wanted the report acted on at once.

OUT OF ORDER. As the report had been sent to a committee and other important business was pending, the Grand Commander, after pointing out that the proper course was for him to appear before the committee having charge of the report, ruled him out of order.

General Rosser appealed from the decision of the chair, but it was unanimously sustained. He then clapped his hat on his head and left the hall in great anger. Soon after he took the train from his home.

### ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED.

An embankment on the line of the Seaboard Air Line in the lower portion of the city caved in this afternoon while five men, all colored, were at work on it. Two escaped, but three were buried, one so deeply that it took twenty minutes to dig him out. When found he was quite dead. His name was John Ransom, a native of this city.

The other two, John Smith and Edward Lindsay, escaped with slight injuries.

### STUDENTS SUSPENDED.

Several times recently parties unknown have tampered with the bell which calls the students to class at Richmond College, cutting the rope, tying up the clapper and in other ways impairing its usefulness. Yesterday several students were suspended for declining to tell what they knew about the matter.

### PREACHER TO WED.

A message received from Farmville, Va., to-day says that Rev. W. C. Underwood, of Farmville, Va., and Mrs. B. Blanche Bishop, of this city, will be married at Farmville to-morrow.

Rev. Mr. Underwood and Mrs. Bishop were to have been wedded in Richmond about two weeks ago. The license was obtained of the Clerk of the Hustings Court and subsequently returned and canceled, a postponement having been made because the parties themselves were not fully satisfied whether Rev. Mr. Underwood, a Presbyterian minister, should marry a divorced woman.

### RAILROAD CONFERENCE.

A conference was held at the general offices of the Chesapeake and Ohio this morning. The party left this afternoon for Newport News, where they made an inspection of the Chesapeake and Ohio terminal at that point. The party has made a tour of the Western division. Those present at the conference were F. M. Whitaker, of Cincinnati, freight traffic manager; M. Williamson, of London, managing director of the Chesapeake and Ohio Steamship Company; G. W. Woodley, of New York, manager of the Chesapeake and Ohio Steamship Company; J. M. Gill, of Huntington, W. Va., general superintendent of the Western division of the Chesapeake and Ohio. The party was joined here by General Superintendent C. E. Doyle.

### A HOME WEDDING.

A quiet but impressive home wedding was that which took place at the home of Mrs. Martha A. Hechler, No. 2806 O street, yesterday afternoon at 2:30, when her youngest daughter, Miss Mary L. Hechler, and Mr. James Ellis Bohannon were united by Rev. James E. Cook.

The bride is a pretty blonde, well-trimmed in a traveling suit or gray, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations.

The only attendants were Messrs. Walter Le Cler, of this city, and Walter Acree, of Newport News.

The groom is a popular young business man of Newport News, where the happy couple will reside.

The numerous and handsome presents attested the popularity which they enjoy in this city.

After congratulations by their many friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bohannon left immediately for their home in Newport News.

### CAPITAL NOTES.

Governor Tyler will attend the barbecue at Midlothian to-morrow. He will go home to vote next Monday night, and says he is sure of Bryan's election.

Mr. Seth F. Miller, Secretary of the State Board of Fisheries, was a caller on the Governor to-day. He is here going over his books and making some comparisons with the Auditor's ac-

counts, compiling his annual report to the Governor.

### MAYNARD WILL WIN.

Colonel R. E. Boykin, of Isle of Wight, was a caller at the office of Secretary Lawless to-day. He says Maynard is certain of a good, safe majority for Congress in the Second district over Dr. Wise.

### BACK TO CUBA.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee left for Washington this evening, whence he goes to Cuba to wind up his affairs there.

### GOLF CLUBS TO CONTEST.

There will be a team match between the Hampton Roads Golf Club and the Lakeside Country Club Saturday, November 3d, seven players from each club entering. Great interest is being taken in the match and excellent golf may be expected.

### EXPERIMENT STATION ORDERED.

The State Board of Agriculture, in session at Roanoke, decided to-night to establish an experiment station in Prince Edward or Charlotte county, as may be determined by the committee to examine the properties offered.

### RANDOLPH-MACON.

THE DEATH OF DR. RAGLAND—SURPRISED HER PARENTS.

Ashland, Va., Oct. 30.—A telegram was received here to-day announcing the death of Dr. Charles Dabney Ragland, for the past three years professor of chemistry and geology in this college.

Since early Summer the health of Dr. Ragland had not been good, and he continued to decline until he was obliged to give up his work. Several weeks ago he was removed from his home here and carried to the Virginia Hospital, at Richmond, where, although the most skillful medical attention and painstaking care were bestowed on him, the pulmonary disease from which he was a sufferer triumphed. It was seen yesterday that he could not live, and he was removed to the home of his parents, near South Boston, where he died at an early hour this morning.

Dr. Ragland was 32 years of age, and had a wife and one young child. He was admirably equipped for his work, and was very popular as a teacher and a man.

At a meeting of the student body to-day delegates were appointed to attend the funeral, a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions, and a floral tribute was ordered to be sent in the name of the students.

### SURPRISED HER PARENTS.

Last Saturday Miss Fannie Irby, daughter of Captain Richard Irby, secretary of the college, gave her parents and friends a surprise by leaving home and wedding Mr. A. B. Fitzgerald, of Danville.

Mr. Fitzgerald was a student here last year. The eloping couple met in Richmond and went to Covington, Ky., where they were married, and from whence the unexpected news was telegraphed.

### PETERSBURG.

### TWO PRETTY MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED—STREET PAVING.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., Oct. 31.—The Union Street Synagogue in this city was the scene at noon to-day of a brilliant marriage, the contracting parties being Miss Hannah Morris Saal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Saal, of this city, and Mr. Dorsett Newman, of New Orleans. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. Tyor. The altar was beautifully banked with ferns and palms, and the pews were decorated with clusters of white carnations and smilax. Promptly at the appointed hour, to the inspiring strains of Lohegrin, and preceded by the flower girl, Miss Florrie Rose Saal, and her maid of honor, Miss Caskie Frank, of Baltimore, the bride entered on the arm of her father and was met at the altar by the groom, attended by his brother, Mr. Edgar Newman, of New Orleans, who acted as best man. The bridesmaids were Miss Oregaria Gest Myers, of Richmond; Miss Marian Newman and Miss Josie Newman, of New Orleans; Miss Sadie Holzman, of Shreveport, La.; Miss Ruth Harris, of New York city; Miss Irene Lansburgh, of Baltimore; Miss Marion Bert Lovenstein, of Philadelphia. The groomsmen were: Messrs. W. D. Meyers, of Richmond; Manuel Dunksenpelt, of New Orleans; Joe Davis, of Savannah; Simon Jones Schwartz, of New York; Fred Hamburger, of Baltimore; Miss Varie Lovenstein, of Philadelphia; Irving Randolph Saal, of Petersburg.

The bride was attired in a robe of white chiffon applied with Duchess lace, and carried a shower bouquet of Lillies of the Valley. Her only ornament was a pearl necklace, the gift of the groom. The bridesmaids wore white organdie with white chiffon neckline and carried American Beauties. The maid of honor wore a dainty frock of white chiffon and silver, and carried American Beauties. The flower girl was dressed in white de chene, and wore a hat of white panne velvet. The ceremony was followed by a wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents on Market street, at which was present besides the host and hostess and bridal party Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Newman, parents of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Schwartz, of New York; Mrs. J. K. Newman and Miss Marie Newman, of New Orleans; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Richard, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Meyer, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Litt, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Lee, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Saal, Miss Carrie Saal, Mrs. M. Fisher, Miss Helen Fisher, Mr. Sydney Fisher, Rev. and Mrs. S. Tyor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen, of Petersburg.

### ANOTHER PRETTY MARRIAGE.

There was another pretty marriage here which was solemnized this afternoon at half-past 5 o'clock at Market Street M. E. Church, the parties to this union being Miss Virginia Harrison Brown and Mr. Joseph Payne Hoy. Rev. W. W. Lear officiated. Miss Sarah Warwick and Miss Annie Hoy, sister of the groom, were the maids of honor. The ushers were Dr. W. P. Hoy, of Williamsburg; George C. Armstrong, Sterling Bragg, Joseph Jackson, H. C. Wilson and Harrison Bryant, brother of the bride. The bride is a most charming and attractive young lady. The groom is a member of the firm of Gill & Hoy, clothiers, of this city. The couple left on a bridal tour North.

### STREET PAVING.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Common Council, to be held to-morrow night, an ordinance will be presented providing for the issue of city bonds to the amount of about \$75,000 to pay for paving.

### APPROACHING NUPTIALS.

Cards of invitation for the marriage of Miss Esther Miller and Mr. Samuel A. Reinach have been issued. The ceremony will take place on the 21st of November, at 9 o'clock p. m.

## SUFFOLK.

### Proceedings of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference.

Presentation to Norfolk Minister of Gavel of Historic Value—Democratic Local Campaign—Injured Men Doing Well—Sacred Concerts—Personal.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., Oct. 31.—Rev. Dr. J. P. Barrett, of Norfolk, the newly chosen president of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference, now in session at New Lebanon Church, Surry county, was to-day presented with a gavel which has much historic value. It was made of timber taken from old Lebanon Church, five miles from the present site, and in which structure the Christian denomination South—that branch founded by James O. Kelly—was formally named in 1794.

Kelly and his followers had split away from the Methodists two years before. There was later an amalgamation with Northern and Western Christians. The presentation speech was made by Dr. Staley, of Suffolk.

The Committee on Education recommended the ordination of Rev. Dr. J. P. Barrett, of Norfolk, who will be sent as a foreign missionary to Syria.

The report on moral reform condemns in the usual way the manufacture and sale of liquor, and goes still further by condemning the renting of property by church members for whiskey traffic. Cards and dancing were denounced too.

A sermon was preached at noon by Rev. J. G. Bishop, of Dayton, O., secretary of the Mission Board of the American Christian Conference.

The conference will to-morrow visit old Lebanon in a body. About twenty-five persons from this vicinity are attending the conference.

### DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN.

The local Democrats will wind up their campaign this week. There has been no great amount of activity displayed by either Democrats or Republicans, nor has there been a large display of spell binding.

Friday night the Bryan-Stevenson-Maynard Club will have a rally in the old Town Hall, when local speakers will make addresses.

Saturday at noon the County Executive Committee will have a final meeting in the City Hall.

The election tickets were being printed to-day.

The chances for the Democrats carrying Nansemond county seem better than they were two weeks ago. There is really very little interest compared with previous years when there were many elections. It is expected that about 700 votes will be polled in Suffolk, maybe more.

### INJURED MEN DOING WELL.

The men injured in the wreck at Green Sidings, N. C., yesterday were getting on nicely to-day.

The wreck at Nurey is supposed to have been caused by a broken truck under a Norfolk and Western coal car which was being pulled. The wrecked car had not all been cleared away to-day, but trains are going all right on the temporary track built around it.

### BIG YEAR FOR MARRIAGES.

The number of marriages in Nansemond county in this closing year of the records promises to surpass any since 1890. In October there were 21 events—six white and fifteen colored. All told this year there have been 205 marriages against 142 for the same months in 1899.

### FREE SACRED CONCERTS.

There will be another in the series of sacred concerts at St. Paul's P. E. Church next Sunday evening.

Miss Frances Quimby, organist, will be assisted this time by Miss Helen Quimby, violinist; Miss Virginia Jordan, soprano; and A. H. Garrett, of Norfolk, baritone. The concert is free to the public. It will take place at 4 o'clock.

### TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL.

Miss Viola Saunders was taken suddenly ill to-day at Suffolk College and has to be carried to the home of her father, Mr. B. L. Saunders, on Sycamore street, where are different accounts as to the cause of her illness. Miss Florence Harvey, music director at the college, said the young lady seemed to have hysterics. Her father said it was a case of headache, and she was much better this evening.

### "A SPRING CHICKEN."

A car sixty feet in length is used in transporting the scenery used in "A Spring Chicken." The scenery act in House, Staten Island, N. Y., on a pleasant summer afternoon. The second act is the same hotel by moonlight, and the last act shows Coney Island in the distance. There are many amusing situations encountered during the performance. The various characters that are introduced to the audience are a bunch of gay boulevardiers, a fishy old maid, a Rubie sheriff, a charming young widow, a susceptible old gentleman, a hustling young lady newspaper and a peculiar person by the name of Chickweed. He has every license to be peculiar. Popular prices will prevail. "A Spring Chicken" will be here Monday, November 5.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. Ham McCallan left to-day for Bethel, N. C., where the Nansemond Truck Package Company has a branch plant.

Among well-known people from this section in town to-day were Messrs. C. P. Minton, L. M. Roberts, John H. Holland, Willis J. Lee, B. Hollington and J. O. Lancaster.

Dr. A. S. Cheek has returned from a trip in North Carolina.

### CREWE.

### YOUNG COUPLE ELOPE AND ARE MARRIED.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Crewe, Va., Oct. 31.—Miss Hattie Lester and Mr. John T. Elliott, both of this place, were married in Bristol Monday. The bride's parents are dead, and she having no legally appointed guardian and not being of age, they were forced to leave the State to be married.

The groom is a dispatcher on the Norfolk and Western Railroad and very popular among his fellows. The bride is a sister of Mr. J. Willie Lester, and has a large circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott will visit several Virginia cities before returning.

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## RIVERS AND HARBORS.

### Estimates of General Wilson for Virginia and North Carolina.

The James and Norfolk Harbor—Hampton Roads and the Inland Waterway From Norfolk to the North Carolina Sounds.

(The Richmond Dispatch.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 30.—The report of General Wilson, chief engineer of the army, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, has just been made public. There is nothing new in it in regard to river and harbor improvement work, except the estimates for the ensuing year. For James river, the report says, the amount estimated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, is for widening and deepening the channel below Richmond, mostly by rock excavation, and for widening and deepening channels, by dredging principally, at Warwick and Harrison's bars, Dancing Point shoals, Swan's Point, and Goose Hill flats. The amount (estimated) for completion of the existing project is \$3,317,500. The amount that can be profitably expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, in addition to the balance available July 1, 1901, is \$390,000.

For Occoquan creek: Amount estimated for completion of existing project, \$20,000; for maintenance, \$4,000.

Nomini creek: Estimated, \$35,000; maintenance, \$12,000.

Lower Machodoc creek: Amount estimated, \$2,100; maintenance, \$2,100.

Rappahannock river: Amount estimated, \$114,000; amount that can be profitably expended for works of improvement and for maintenance, \$25,000.

Urban creek: Amount estimated, \$35,000; maintenance, \$9,000.

Harbor at Milford Haven: Estimate, \$5,000; maintenance, \$3,000.

York river: Estimate, \$69,050; maintenance, \$10,000.

Mattaponi river: Estimate, \$42,300; maintenance, \$3,000.

Pamunkey river: Estimate, \$7,000; maintenance, \$3,000.

### JAMESTOWN ISLAND.

Protection of Jamestown Island: The amount expended on this work up to June 30, 1899, was \$9,274.45; July 1, 1899, balance unexpended, \$15,725.55; June 30, 1900, amount expended during fiscal year, \$2,755.57; July 1, 1900, balance unexpended, \$13,049.98.

Naval harbor and its approaches: Amount estimated for completion of existing project, \$56,774.56; for maintenance during fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, in addition to unexpended balance, \$56,700.

Western Branch of Elizabeth river: The sum of \$4,418.73 had been expended on the improvement June 30, 1899, the result being the completion of the project. The expenditures during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, amounted to \$297.50 for making an excavation of the river to determine the condition of the channel. A draft of twenty feet could be carried in the channel on June 30, 1900, July 1, 1899, balance unexpended, \$581.27; June 30, 1900, amount expended during fiscal year, \$297.50. Balance unexpended, \$283.77.

Nansemond river: Amount estimated, \$102,500; maintenance, \$10,000.

Appomattox river: Amount estimated, \$48,000; maintenance, \$7,500.

Harbor at Cape Charles: Amount estimated, \$87,540; maintenance, \$20,000.

Nandua creek: An available balance of only \$31.11.

Waterway from Norfolk to the Sounds of North Carolina: Amount estimated, \$32,450; maintenance, \$20,870.

Inland route from Norfolk to Albemarle Sound, North Carolina, through Currituck Sound: Amount estimated, \$21,667.08; maintenance, \$13,400.

### HAMPTON ROADS.

The preliminary examination and survey of Middle Ground Bar, in the harbor of Hampton Roads, Virginia, with a view to determining what amount of dredging is necessary over said bar to secure a channel 500 feet wide and 30 feet deep at mean low tide, required by the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899, was made by the local engineer, Major Thomas L. Casey, corps of engineers, and reports thereon, dated July 14 and November 20, 1899, respectively, were submitted through the division engineer, Colonel Peter C. Hains, corps of engineers. The plan presented for improvement is estimated to cost \$225,000, and it is the opinion of the local officer, concurred in by the division engineer, that the general government should undertake the improvement of this channel.

### EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED.

The local officer was also charged with the duty of making preliminary

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### DEMOCRATIC SPEAKERS.

### WHERE THEY WILL ADDRESS THE VOTERS OF VIRGINIA.

Headquarters State Democratic Committee, Room 82, Chamber of Commerce Building.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 23d. Speakers and places of speaking are announced as follows:

THOMAS S. MARTIN. Arvonla, November 3d (night).

WM. HODGES MANN. Sussex Court, November 1st.

JOHN L. JEFFERIES. Powhatan Court, November 5th.

King George Court, November 1st.

Upperville, November 3d.

Delaplane, November 3d (night).

Spotsylvania Court, November 5th.

Fredericksburg, Nov. 5th (night).

FRANCIS R. LASSITER. Nottoway Court, November 1st.

Prospect, November 3d.

H. D. FLOOD. Sheppards, November 2d (night).

Centenary, November 3d, 2 p. m.

Arvonla, November 3d (night).

PETER J. OTEY. Midway, October 21st, 2 p. m.

Cross Roads, November 1st.

Wylliesburg, November 2d.

Scottsboro, November 3d.

WM. P. BARKSDALE. Midlothian, November 1st.

Rockbridge Court, November 5th.

H. L. MAYNARD. Princess Anne Court, November 5th.

N. B. EARLY, JR. Albemarle Court, November 5th.

JOHN WHITEHEAD. Princess Anne Court, November 5th.

W. E. HOLMES. Nottoway Court, November 1st.

A. J. MONTAGUE. Crewe, November 1st (night).

Nottoway Court, November 1st.

Drakes Branch, November 3d.

Franklin Court, November 5th.

J. HASKINS HOBSON. Greenville Court, November 5th.

S. L. KELLEY. Clebe (Norfolk county), November 1st.

Waynesboro, November 3d, 2 p. m.

Albemarle Court, November 5th.

Covington, November 5th (night).

A. J. BRAND. Blue Ridge Springs, November 3d (night).

CHARLES CURRY. Roman, November 3d (night).

JEFFERSON WALLACE. Mid